

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend Paragraph [0051] starting at page 18, line 12 and ending on page 19, line 3 as follows:

The shaping means 14 on the conveyor 6 and which are preferably made from U-shaped longitudinal profiles of light-gauge sheet steel, consequently have a minimum inherent rigidity and have at least one open front side, which according to fig. 2 faces the loading space, so that the piece goods contained in the individual shaping means can be deposited layer wise in the loading space in the manner to be described hereinafter. At this point it is indicated that the shaping means 14 can also be used as loading means and are employed for directly transferring the piece goods into the loading space. By means of the slide system [[24]] 25 shown in fig. 2, following a corresponding vertical orientation relative to the actual, upper depositing plane within the loading space 1, the conveyor 6 conveys the piece good-filled shaping means 14 completely to just above the upper depositing plane into the loading space 1. The vertical positioning of the conveyor takes place with the aid of a sensor system which detects the upper depositing plane within the loading space. Preferred sensors are based on optical, light or ultrasonic sensors. Following corresponding vertical positioning the shaping means 14 used as loading means are moved completely in layerwise, horizontal manner into the loading space.

Please amend paragraph [0052] starting at page 19, line 5-13 as follows:

Fig. 7a is a diagrammatic side view of a layer of shaping means 14 filled with piece goods 2 within the loading space 1. To the sides of the right-hand, open loading space opening is provided a separating unit 23 having rake-like holding means 24, which are vertically lowered from above and in frontal manner into the shaping means 14 (see top and bottom representation in fig. 7a). Fig. 7b is a front view of the separating unit 23 and of the shaping means 14 loaded with piece goods 2 within the loading space 1. The lowered position of the separating unit ~~[[24]]~~ 23 is shown in the lower representation of fig. 7b. Then the individual shaping means 14 are extracted from the loading space 1 and the piece goods 2 are kept fixed within the loading space 1 by the holding means 24.